

Bryan Morning Eagle.

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RYAN, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 4, 1902.

PRICE 5 CENTS

Good things to eat

Always Fresh

Always Good

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| Mince Meat per lb..... | 15c |
| 3 lb Jar Apple Butter..... | 40c |
| 5 lb Jar Blackberry Preserves..... | \$1.25 |
| 5 lb Jar Raspberry Preserves..... | 1.25 |
| 3 lb Jar Assorted Preserves..... | 75c |
| 1 lb Plum Pudding..... | 30c |
| 2 lb Plum Pudding..... | 50c |
| Evaporated Horse Radish..... | 25c |
| Mustard Dressing..... | 25c |
| Celery Sance..... | 25c |
| India Relish..... | 25c |
| Black Prince Cranberries per quart..... | 15c |
| 5 lb Fruit Cake..... | 1.50 |
| 2 lb Fruit Cake..... | 60c |
| 1 lb Fruit Cake..... | 30c |
| Everything to go in fruit cakes; all kinds of mixed and plain pickles sweet and sour; fresh Celery every day; Pecans, Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Plain & Stuffed Dates | |

HOWELL BROS.

Grocers and Coffee Roasters

Dark Room Abolished! The EASTMAN KODAK Co. will have an expert demonstrator at

Haswell's
DECEMBER 12th

From 2 to 6 p. m. Call and see the latest in photography—development without the dark room.



Ready For
Inspection.

Arrival of fabrics within the past few days has practically completed our stock of

SUITINGS, OVERCOATS, TROUSERINGS.

The display is very complete, embracing all the new designs and colorings. These will be very popular during the coming season.

JOHN WITTMAN, The Tailor.

FORD'S

Is still the most popular place in Bryan to eat and drink. You get what you want, when you want it and the way you want it.

THE BEST LIQUORS
THE BEST CIGARS
THE BEST SERVICE

Give us your holiday trade; we guarantee to please you.

W. T. FORD & Bryan, Texas.

KELLY RETURNS.

Ex-Speaker of St. Louis House of Delegates Back in America.

New York, Nov. 28.—The Evening World to-day prints the following: Charles F. Kelley, former speaker of the house of delegates of St. Louis landed from the White Star steamer Celtic when she docked. At the pier to meet him was Congressman James Butler of St. Louis, Butler's bookkeeper, Wm. J. Sulivan, and William Ratigan, a St. Louis contractor, a neighbor of Kelley's, who was his ship companion. Kelley's face was white and wrinkled when he left the ship. He was startled when an Evening World reporter greeted him by name. Congressman Butler tried to shut the reporter off, but Kelley recognized him as a St. Louis acquaintance, and extended his hand. "For God's sake let me alone," he said. "I have nothing to say. I have just received word that my son is dead and I am going right back to St. Louis."

At St. Louis.

St. Louis, Nov. 28.—Charles F. Kelley, former speaker of St. Louis house of delegates, who left St. Louis several months ago, soon after the grand jury returned indictments charging him on several counts with bribery in connection with municipal legislation for street railway and other franchises, has returned.

His bonds were fixed at \$30,000. Kelley, it is charged, is the man who distributed \$47,500 boodle fund among members of the house combine three years ago for passage of city lighting bill.

His whereabouts were unknown to the authorities. The reward of \$300 offered by the state for Kelley's arrest still stands.

MISS MAGGIE MOURNS.

The Young Man Whom She Was to Wed Thanksgiving Took His Life.

Des Moines, Nov. 28.—The body of Bert McNutt, aged twenty-six, was found dead at his home. He had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head while his parents awaited him at the home of Miss Maggie Guth, whom he was to have married Thanksgiving day. The wedding party assembled, but young McNutt did not appear or send any explanation of his absence. Mr. McNutt's parents remained at the Guth home with the other guests until midnight Thursday night, when they returned to their home and found their son's body. Young McNutt left a note bidding farewell to his fiancee, but giving no explanation of his suicide. Friends believe his mind was unbalanced.

PETTIT'S SUCCESSOR.

Former Private Secretary of President to Be a District Attorney.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The president has decided to appoint W. J. Youngs of Oyster Bay United States district attorney for the Eastern district of New York, to succeed G. H. Pettit whose term expires Dec. 20. The president has made his decision known to Senator Platt and the latter has acquiesced in the appointment. Mr. Pettit has held the position for four years. There is nothing against his record.

The selection of Mr. Youngs will be in the nature of a personal appointment. Mr. Youngs has been a neighbor of President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay and their relations have been close. When the president became governor of New York Mr. Youngs resigned the district attorneyship of Queens county to accept the position of his private secretary.

Must Remove Fences.

Omaha, Nov. 28.—John S. Mosby special inspector of the United States land office at Washington, has arrived at Omaha and will at once begin proceedings for removal of fences from government lands in Nebraska. Colonel Mosby said that tracts containing thousands of acres have been annually fenced by cattlemen, and that his purpose was to have these fences torn down. After conferring with United States District Attorney Summers, he will go to North Platte and Alliance where notices will be served upon alleged violators, giving them sixty days in which to remove fences.

Progressing Favorably.

New York, Nov. 28.—The convalescence of Andrew Carnegie is reported to be proceeding favorably, cables the Tribune correspondent at London. He has neither left his room nor his bed, but is reported to be doing well in every respect, and is anxious to return to America.

Awarded to a Los Angeles Firm.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 28.—Bids for completing the government jetty in San Diego harbor have been opened by Capt. Edgar Jadwin, United States engineer officer of the local jurisdiction. The proposals involve an expenditure of public funds to the amount of \$200,000. The contract was awarded to a Los Angeles firm.

Mrs. Dillon Sails for America.

London, Nov. 29.—Among the passengers on the Umbria, which left Liverpool for New York, is Mrs. Dillon, wife of John Dillon, the Irish leader. Mrs. Dillon is en route to Chicago to be with her husband, who has been

ROOSEVELT'S REPLY.

Says He Recognize Reputable Colored Men in Making Appointments.

Washington, Nov. 28.—A prominent citizen of Charleston, S. C., wrote a letter to President Roosevelt relative to the appointment of Dr. Crum as collector of the port of Charleston. In his reply the president said he would carefully consider the charges. The writer said Dr. Crum was a negro, and thought that ought to bar him. The chief executive says:

"It has been my consistent policy in every state where their numbers warranted it to recognize colored men of good repute and standing in making appointments to office. These appointments of colored men in no state made more than a small proportion of the total number of appointments. I am unable to see how I can legitimate be allowed to make an exception for South Carolina."

Conference Second Day.

Terrell, Tex., Nov. 28.—In the North Texas Methodist conference Thursday a number of preachers made their reports. At 11 o'clock Bishop Hendris Brothertooth held an interesting meeting. There are eighty-six members in this conference.

Have Taken up Arms.

Madrid, Nov. 28.—A special dispatch received here from Tangier, Morocco announces that the Benadir Kabiles have again taken up arms and that they have surrounded Tetuan and occupy all the approaches to that place.

Flight Was Fast.

Indianapolis, Nov. 28.—Geo. Monroe of New York was given the decision over Gus Bezenh of Cincinnati at the end of ten rounds of the fastest mauling ever witnessed in this city.

Military Man at Laredo.

Laredo, Tex., Nov. 28.—Thanksgiving sermons were held at St. Peter's cathedral. Mexico's Ninth cavalry band rendered the musical part of a military mass.

Schwab Improving.

Paris, Nov. 28.—Charles M. Schwab and party started for Cannes Thursday night. It is reported that he hopes to resume his active business life sooner than was expected.

Peaceful Agreement.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—The Box Makers union concluded a peaceful agreement with the Box Manufacturers association Wednesday night after negotiations extending over three weeks. An agreement was signed by which the 700 men will get increases in wages amounting to \$32,500 a year. About 1500 men are bound by its provisions. The contract goes into effect Jan. 1, and extends over a year.

Differences Adjusted.

Hazelton, Pa., Nov. 28.—Coxe Bros & Co. and their striking employees settled their differences, and work will be resumed at the seven collieries of that company on Monday. All the men except those under indictment for misdemeanors alleged to have been committed during the strike are to be taken back. The Coxes are the last of the individual operators to come to terms with their employees.

Gould a Director.

Kansas City, Nov. 28.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway company, Warren G. Purdy and Geo. J. Gould were elected directors.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Snyder, Okla., is thronged. General Lew Wallace is ill at Crawfordville, Ind.

J. L. Beringer, a leading business man of Purcell, I. T., is dead.

The Frisco will parallel the Katy from Oklahoma City to Coalgate, I. T. By a boiler explosion at Lizella, Ga., two men were killed and two injured.

Manila constabulary are conducting an aggressive campaign against banditry.

The guard around the grave of the late President McKinley are to be increased.

Mrs. W. W. Whitsett, a pioneer of McLennan county, Texas, was burned to death.

John Dillon, the Irish parliamentary leader, who has been ill at Chicago, has recovered.

Banner Apple Crop.

Flora, Ill., Nov. 29.—The figures compiled by representatives of the fruit-growing industries in this city show the production of apples in Clay county this year to be the greatest in the history of the Illinois apple belt. A careful canvass of the matter shows a total of 272,770 barrels for the year.

Not Needed.

The "aggregation" was about ready to start on its tour of one night stands when a young man appeared and asked for an engagement.

"What's your line?" inquired the manager.

"I do a magic disappearance act," replied the applicant.

"Not needed," returned the manager brusquely. "It's my custom to do that myself on salary day."—Chicago Post.

Grand Opera House

JNO. B. MIKE, Manager

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

First National Bank of Bryan.

At Bryan, Texas, at the Close of Business November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES.

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| Loans and Discounts | \$264,905.57 | LIABILITIES. |
| U. S. bonds and premiums | 52,143.75 | Capital Stock |
| Stocks, Securities, etc. | 300.00 | Surplus Fund |
| Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures | 7,838.70 | Undivided Profits |
| CASH | \$165,081.15 | Circulation |
| | | DEPOSITS |
| | | \$306,032.24 |
| | | \$490,269.17 |

I. H. O. Boatwright, Vice President of the above-named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. O. BOATWRIGHT, Vice President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1902.

A. J. PLATNER, Notary Public, Brazos County Texas.

WE SOLICIT YOUR BUSINESS.

PARSONS BOTTLING WORKS

C. G. PARSONS, Proprietor,

BRYAN, TEXAS.

Enlarged, Refitted and Equipped with

NEW AND UP-TO-DATE MACHINERY

Manufacturing

PURE WHOLESOME AND HIGH GRADE SODAWATER

All Flavors, Wholesale and Retail, including

Ginger Ale, Cherry and Celery Phosphate, Peppo-Phate, Root Beer, Iron-Brew, Seltzer and Mineral Waters.

Crown Cork System, Hutchinson, and Cork-Stoppered Goods in pints and quarts.

MOTTO :

"Utmost cleanliness and uniform quality of goods, prompt and correct service to one and all."

Respectfully solicit the trade of Bryan and surrounding territory.

Jewel Laundry

Gives prompt and excellent service; our work is unequalled anywhere in Texas; we use nothing to injure your clothes; ring 'phone No. 277 and our driver will call for your clothes. Your patronage will be appreciated.

The JEWEL LAUNDRY WILEY D. GARRETT Proprietor.

Phone 114

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The whole wheat berry
cooked and crushed

Boston Brown Flake

Mr. Alfa Vita, Condensed Compressed Mince Meat, Snap de Batterie Syrup in glass decanters and one-half gallon cans and Fernell brand of whole fruit Peaches, Pears, white and red Cherry, Strawberry, Crabapple, Preserves is unexcelled. Our line of Fernell Canned Goods is complete and unequalled! Our Chase & Sanborn line of roasted coffees at 3, 4, 5, and 6 pound for \$1 is recognized as the standard all over the world; try them and you will use no other.

Dansby & Dansby.

I. & G. N. SCHEDULE.

No. 104—Northbound—Passenger Leaves 4:25 p. m.
(Makes close connection with main line
I. & G. N. going east and west.)
No. 101—Southbound—Passenger—Arrives 7:15 p. m.

H. & T. C. SCHEDULE.

Northbound No. 1 10:20 a. m.
Northbound No. 3 1:27 p. m.
Northbound No. 5 2:13 a. m.
Southbound No. 2 2:00 p. m.
Southbound No. 4 4:16 p. m.
Southbound No. 6 2:46 a. m.
Nos. 3 and 4 are fast trains, stopping only at principal stations.

Local News

Tom Searey went to Houston yesterday.

Judge A. C. Brietz went to Auder-
son yesterday.

The best boy's and girl's school
shoes are at Norwood's. 309

Walter Higgs is improving after
an extended illness.

For Sale.—A 4-gallon milk cow.
See R. R. Knowles. 310

Five dozen pairs of ladies golf
gloves at Norwood's. 313

Miss Pearl Rogeo of Reagen is the
guest of Miss Loula Coulter.

Fifty dozen ladies bleached vests
at 25 cents at Norwood's. 309

One thousand skeins of Shetland
floss, colors blue, pink, red and lavender,
at Norwood's. 309

City Secretary C. M. Spell has
gone to Anderson to attend court in
the poisoning case, resulting from
the death of his brother.

Twenty-five dozen pairs of W. L.
Douglas shoes received this week in
the many new styles. Norwood's 309

The southbound early morning
train on the H. & T. C. was delayed
several hours yesterday morning by a
freight wreck above Dallas.

The insurance claims of the late
Mr. Wm. Koppe are being settled up
promptly. The Mutual Life, through
the local agent, Mr. A. D. McCon-
nico, gave attention to the claims
against that company a week ago.

For Sale—Six room house, three
lots of ground, underground cistern,
out houses, all in first-class condition,
south front, between court
house and Allen Academy. A. W.
Hollman. 316

Prof. De Morian, the eminent
French palmist and phrenologist is
in the city at Mrs. Pico's residence
and will remain a short time. Prof.
De Morian's last engagement was at
the Waco flower show, and the
Times-Herald of that city says:
"The eminent and learned Prof. De
Morian, a man of national reputation
for science and palmistry, who created
such a sensation in high
class society circles of Austin, Tex.,
has, through the efforts of the ladies
of the Floral society, been secured to
give readings for the balance of the
week. Prof. De Morian is not a
scientist of a year or two's study but
has been a professional man for
eighteen years. Last night his
booth was crowded all the evening.
Some of the best people of the city
expressed themselves as well pleased
with his full life reading." He
may be interviewed from 9 a. m. to
10 p. m. All readings strictly confidential.

Rev. E. L. Shettles, pastor of the
Methodist church, has gone to attend
the meeting of the Texas conference
at Crockett this week. He
will be able to make a most favorable
report of the work accomplished
by his church during the past year,
including the great undertaking of
erecting a handsome new church
building, which will be completed
early the coming year. The pastor
also secured all his conference
collections. There is no doubt Rev.
Shettles will be returned to the
Bryan charge to complete the great
work he has undertaken, and with
assistance of the officers and members,
so successfully carried out
up to the present time.

Monroe Edge, the hustling real estate
agent, has had another large
installments of his booklets, advertising
Bryan and Brazos county, printed
and is now engaged in distributing
the same.

John B. Mike put a turkey ad in
the Eagle yesterday morning and
sold a hundred of the festive birds
in the city by the middle of the afternoon.

He ran out of turkeys and had to phone the Eagle to take the
ad out.

One hundred pieces fancy flannel-
ettes, 10 cent quality, to close at 8
cents per yard at Norwood's. 309

Yard wide white silk for handker-
chiefs and fancy work, at Norwood's
cash store. 311

Another big stock of the best shoe
on earth—Douglas—just received at
Norwood's. 309

Good Warm Underwear!

Our stock of Winter
Underwear includes
all weights in cotton,
merino & wool, fleece
lined and jersey rib-
bed in pure white,
stripes and solid colors
every garment is of
standard make and
full size, cut to fit and
made for SERVICE.

Cotton garments 50c to \$1.00

Woolen garments \$1.00 to \$2.00

Flannel night robes, good
and warm 75c and \$1.00

Parks & Waldrop

MEN'S OUTFITTERS.

Fleece lined pique, at Norwood's
cash store. 311

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fountain,
a son.

New line of sofa cushions and cord
to match at Norwood's. 309

See the new styles in W. L. Douglas' shoes for men and boys at Nor-
wood's. 309

Waist flannels in stripes and solid
colors, at \$1.48 and \$1.98 per pattern,
at Norwood's. 309

LOST—Between the residences of
E. J. Fountain and Cliff A. Adams
yesterday a lady's black and gray
beaded purse containing tax re-
ceipts and small change. Reward
for return to Eagle office. 311

Mr. O. E. Saunders returned yes-
terday from Corsicana where he
went with Sheriff Nunn to identify
and recover goods taken from his
father's store upon the occasion of
the recent burglary of this store.

Kid Williams, a negro, arrested in
Corsicana, confessed to the crime and
Mr. Saunders brought back some of
the stolen articles. He says the
negro is an ex-convict, having been re-
leased last February, and that he
has since been roving about and
making headquarters in Corsicana
where he is now held for some crime
and cannot be brought to Bryan until
this is disposed of in the district
court now in session there.

Wood for Sale.

We have good cordwood for sale,
delivered anywhere in the city, at

\$2.50 per cord. Garth, Howell &
Webb. 312

KNOW

THYSELF AND THY DESTINY!

KNOWLEDGE IS

POWER!

Prof. De Morian, the eminent
and learned Palmist, Phrenologist
and Master of Occult Science will
reveal your past, present and entire
future. Are you in your right
vocation? Why do you not succeed?
Because you miss your calling.
Do not say, I am not fit for
anything. Every creature in the
world is created to perform his
duty and any person who is in his
right vocation is beneficial to himself
and to his fellow man.

Are you interested in your children's welfare and wish to put them in their right vocation in life for their success? Bring them to Prof. De Morian. He will reveal the aptitudes in vocations they are best adapted to.

PALMISTRY.

Palmistry is a responsible science
where it reveals secrets and also
nature. By the lines and shape of the hand the Professor
will reveal to you your collapses,
gains; what was and will be, or if
you wish to change business location.
Will reveal domestic troubles, love,
courtship, marriage, separations,
traveling, in fact, upon any important step in life, you
should come and consult the professor.
He will advise you and will bring you success.

The Professor teaches you mental
telepathy, or magnetism, will power.
He is now in your city.

Reading parlors at Mrs.
Pico's residence. Business hours
from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. All business
strictly private and confidential.

Who Knows J. G. Wenzloff?

Any one who knows anything of
the present whereabouts of the party
above named, or his heirs, will con-
fer a favor by reporting same to the
Eagle. Wenzloff is a German and
is said to have resided in Bryan in
1877, with John A. Woods. He was
a single man at the time. Woods
was a carpenter.

Important.

Read our advertisement in this issue.
Wilson & Jenkins. 309

Fresh Shipment

BLANKE BROS. FINE CANDIES,

Chocolates, Nougates,
and a fine assortment of other
kind.

A nice lot fresh Cakes and Crackers;
Try a can of Premier Peas or Corn,
the best; If you like salmon ring us
up and let us send you a can of the
best; We are still selling] WHITE
CREST flour, did you ever try a sack.

Jno. M.
Lawrence & Co.,
'PHONE 78.

NEW MILLINERY!

MRS. C. M. PROCTOR now has a full line of the
most fashionable fall and winter Millinery. Also a
handsome line of SILK WAISTS; agent for tailor-
made Suits, Waists and Skirts made to your measure,
any price and style you want. Satisfaction guaranteed.

THE BAY OYSTER PARLOR

Formerly
Favorite Restaurant
C. H. HOLMES
Proprietor

Dec 17

Oysters sold in
bulk or served in
any style; we also
handle fine fish. Full line of
Confectioneries,
Cigars, Tobacco

Not Alone Bread but Cake and
Pastry has spread the fame of the

TEXAS BAKERY

Many who thought that only home made
Doughnuts, Cakes, Cookies, Waters, etc.
were fit to eat, have changed their minds
since tasting ours. They are found much
superior to anything produced by the
amateur cook.

OTTO BOEHME



Our Customers Tell Us Every Day!



THEY APPRECIATE the benefits of buying for cash. Our business is increasing
and we haven't had a displeased or dissatisfied customer yet. Our stock is by
far the handsomest we have ever had and we are already selling lots of nice
things for the holidays. We have anything you want in our line and invite you to
call. We have a FEAST FOR YOUR EYE that will satisfy your good taste.

JOHN M. CALDWELL.



J. W. Batts, Real Estate Agent.

Have in office the only set of abstract books of Brazos county land titles.

FOR SALE.

40 acres of first-class pasture land located partly within the city limits. Plenty of stock water. Price \$15 per acre.

About one and one-quarter acres near schoolhouse in southeast part of town. Small new cottage, tenant house and well on premises. Price \$750.

Six room house and two lots of land located four blocks from Main Street. Brick cistern on premises. Price \$1250.

One quarter block near Allen Academy. East front. Price \$250.00. Terms easy.

75 feet front on Railroad street out side part or all.

Lots near schoolhouse at \$100 each.

Also other city property.

I. & G. N.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSION RATES

will cover a very large territory this year

One fare PLUS \$2.

Tickets will be sold

DEC. 13, 17, 21, 22, 23, 26

LIMIT 30 DAYS FOR RETURN.

Note the low rate and early selling dates—
Quick Time, Good Accommodations
for Holiday Travel

IN THROUGH CARS TO
MEMPHIS,
SHREVEPORT
and ST. LOUIS

Excursion tickets will also be on sale between all points on the L. & G. N. System December 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1902, and January 1, 1903, limited January 3 for return. Call on Agents, or write us for particulars as to Territory, Rates, Schedules, Etc.

L. Trice D. J. Price,
2nd V.P. & G.M. G.P. & T.A.
Palestine, Texas.

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EXPERIENCE

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New Lease of Life for an Iowa Postmaster.

Postmaster R. H. Randall, Dunlap, Ia., says: I suffered from indigestion and resulting evils for years. Finally I tried Kodol. I soon knew I had found what I had long looked for. I am better today than in years. Kodol gave me a new lease of life. Anyone can have my affidavit to the truth of this statement. Kodol digests your food. This enables the system to assimilate supplies, strengthening every organ and restoring health.

Kodol Makes You Strong.

Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago.

The \$1. bottle contains 2½ times the 50c. size.

EXCHANGE SHAVING PARLOR

H. B. DORSEY, :: Proprietor.

First-class Hot and Cold Shower and Vapor BATH

have the slightest fear of aggression from the United States. If it behaved itself, it would be maintained within its own borders and thus discharge its only obligations to foreigners. When this is done, they can rest assured that, be they strong or weak, they have nothing to dread from outside interference. More and more the complexity of international political and economic relations makes it incumbent on all civilized and orderly powers to insist on the proper policing of the world.

During the fall of 1893 a communication was addressed to the secretary of state asking whether permission would be granted by the president to a corporation to lay a cable from a point on the California coast to the Philippine Islands by way of Hawaii. A statement of conditions or terms upon which such corporation would be allowed to lay and operate was submitted.

Inasmuch as the congress was shortly to convene and Pacific cable legislation had been the subject of consideration by the congress for several years, it seemed to me wise to defer action upon the application until the congress had first an opportunity to act. I addressed a telegram to the president without taking any action, leaving the matter in exactly the same condition in which it stood when the congress convened.

Meanwhile it appears that the Commercial Pacific Company had promptly proceeded with preparations for laying its cable. It also made application to the proper authorities to lay and use of soundings taken by the United States steamer Nero for the purpose of discovering a practicable route for a transpacific cable, the company urging that with access to these soundings it could complete its cable much sooner than if it were required to take soundings upon its own account, taking consideration of this subject it appeared important and desirable to attach certain conditions to the permission to examine and use the soundings if it should be granted.

In consequence of this solicitation of the cable company certain conditions were formulated, upon which the president was willing to allow access to these soundings and to consent to the landing and laying of the cable, subject to any alterations or additions thereto imposed by the congress. It was deemed proper, especially as it was clear that a cable connection of some kind with China, a foreign country, was a part of the company's plan. This course was, moreover, in accordance with President Grant's action in the case of the first French cable, explained to the congress in his annual message of December 1857, and the instance occurring in 1857 of the second French cable from Brest to St. Pierre, with a branch to Cape Cod.

These conditions prescribed, among other things, a maximum rate for commercial messages and that the company should construct a line from the Philippines to China, there being at present, as is well known, a British line from Manila to Hongkong.

The representatives of the cable company kept these conditions long under consideration, continuing in their meetings to prepare for laying the cable. They have however, at length agreed to the terms of the cable and the Chinese empire by way of Honolulu and the Philippine Islands is thus provided for and is expected within a few months to be ready for business.

Among the conditions is one requiring any or all of them to lay or repeat any or all of them. A copy of the conditions is herewith transmitted.

Of Porto Rico it is only necessary to say that the prosperity of the island and the wisdom with which it has been governed have been such as to make it serve as an example of all that is best in naval administration.

On July 4 last, on the one hundred and twenty sixth anniversary of the declaration of our independence, peace and amnesty were promulgated in the Philippines. Some trouble has since from time to time disturbed the Mohammedians, but with the late insurrectionary Filipinos the war has entirely ceased. Civil government has now been introduced. Not only does each Filipino enjoy such rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as have been before known, but the recorded history of the islands, but the people, taken as a whole, now enjoy a measure of self-government greater than that granted to any navy which rides the waters in the world. They are improving in daring, in resource, in readiness, in thorough knowledge of their profession. They deserve every consideration that can be shown them. But there are not enough of them. It is no more possible to improvise a crew than to build the finest ship, and to maintain it would be worse than idle to assert it unless we intended to back it up, and it can be backed up only by a thoroughly good navy. A good navy is not a provocative of war. It is the surest guarantee of peace.

Each individual unit of our navy should be the most efficient of its kind as regards both material and personnel that is to be found in the world. I call your special attention to the need of providing for the manning of the ships. Some of the threats us if we cannot do better than we are now doing as regards securing the services of a sufficient number of the highest type of seaman, of sea mechanics. The veteran seamen of our warships are of as high type as can be found in any navy which rides the waters in the world. They are improving in daring, in resource, in readiness, in thorough knowledge of their profession. They deserve every consideration that can be shown them. But there are not enough of them. It is no more possible to improvise a crew than to build the finest ship, and to maintain it would be worse than idle to assert it unless we intended to back it up, and it can be backed up only by a thoroughly good navy. A good navy is not a provocative of war. It is the surest guarantee of peace.

We need additional officers in order to properly man the ships now provided for and under construction. The classes at the naval school at Annapolis should be greatly enlarged. At the same time that we thus add the officers where we need them, we should facilitate the return of those at the head of the list whose usefulness has become impaired. Promotion must be fostered if the service is to be kept efficient.

The lamentable scarcity of officers and the large number of recruits and unskilled men necessary to put aboard a new vessel as thrown upon our officers, and especially on the lieutenants and junior grades, unusual labor and fatigue and has gravely strained their powers of endurance. Nor is there sign of any marked improvement in this strain, and continuing for some time, until more officers are graduated from Annapolis and until the recruits become trained and skillful in their duties. In these difficulties incident upon the development of our war fleet the conduct of all our officers will be creditable to the service, and their labors and pains and all their particular have displayed an ability and a steadfast cheerfulness which entitle them to the ungrudging thanks of all who realize the disheartening trials and fatigues to which they are of necessity subjected.

There is not a cloud on the horizon at present. There seems not the slightest chance of trouble with a foreign power. We most earnestly hope that this state of things may continue, and the way to insure its continuance is to provide for a thoroughly efficient navy. The chief祸 is to maintain such a navy, to insure trouble, and if the self-complacency or vanity or shortsightedness in refusing to prepare for danger is both foolish and wicked in such a nation as ours, and past experience has shown that such fatuity in refusing to recognize or prepare for any emergency is far worse than the panic of hysterical fear once the crisis has actually arrived.

The striking increase in the revenues of the postoffice department shows clearly the prosperity of our people and the increasing activity of the business of the country.

The receipts of the postoffice department for the fiscal year ending June 30 last amounted to \$121,48,047.86, an increase of \$10,210,553.87 over the preceding year, the largest increase known in the history of the postal service. The magnitude of this increase will best appear from the fact that the entire postal receipts for the year 1869 amounted to but \$8,511.60.

Rural free delivery service is no longer in the experimental stage. It has become a fixed policy.

The results following its introduction have fully justified the congress in the large appropriation made for its establishment and extension. The average yearly increase in the rural districts of the country is about 2 per cent.

We are now able, by actual results, to show that where rural free delivery service has been established to such an extent as to enable us to make comparisons the yearly increase has been upward of 10 per cent.

On Nov. 1, 1891, 11,650 rural free delivery routes had been established and were in operation, covering about one-third of the territory of the United States available for rural free delivery service. There are now awaiting the action of the department petitions and applications for the establishment of 743 additional routes. This shows conclusively the want which the establishment of the service has met and the need of further extending it as rapidly as possible. It is justified both by the financial results and by the practical benefits to our rural population; it brings the farmer in touch with the markets; it is a potential educational force; it enhances the value of farm property, makes farm life far pleasanter and less isolated, and will do much to check the undesirable current from country to city.

It is to be hoped that the congress will make liberal appropriations for the continuance of the service already established and for its further extension.

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allowance for these misdeeds it remains true that few indeed have been in these instances in which war has been waged by a civilized power against semi-civilized or barbarous tribes. There has been no little wrongdoing by the victors in the Philippine Islands. On the other hand, the amount of difficult, important and beneficent work which has been done is well nigh incalculable.

Taking the work of the army and the civil authorities together, it may be requested whether anywhere else in the world there is a better example of real constructive statesmanship than our people have given in the Philippine Islands. High praise should also be given those Filipinos—in the aggregate very numerous—who have accepted the new conditions and joined with our representatives in working with hearty good will for the welfare of the islands.

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